

1 DELEGATE MARION: Mr. Chairman, if I understand
2 what you said a moment ago, you indicated that by law in
3 line 49 might not always mean a public general law, and that
4 there could be a circumstance where an amendment might be
5 proposed by something other than a public general law, and
6 I don't think that is -- that is not the intention of
7 the sentence, as I read it, and I see "public general law",
8 "public general" stricken out before "law" and it would be
9 my understanding -- and I hope we could clear this up if
10 I am wrong, that this means, the sentence means that
11 amendments might be proposed by such other procedures as
12 the General Assembly might establish for all counties to
13 follow by a public general law.

14 THE PRESIDENT: That may very well be the meaning
15 of the sentence. The Chair was suggesting that you could
16 conceivably have a law enacted by the General Assembly which
17 consolidated two counties, which would be within one of
18 the exceptions, and could be by law other than public
19 general law. That same law might and probably would mean
20 the instrument of government or the instruments of government
21 of the two counties consolidated, and create a different